

REMARKS

In the December 16, 2008 Office Action, claims 4-7 and 11-17 were rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the December 16, 2008 Office Action, Applicant has amended claim 13 to correct an error discovered upon review as indicated above. No amendment has been made by the current amendment in response to the rejections. Thus, claims 4-7 and 11-17 are pending, with claims 4 and 13 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Interview Summary

On February 3, 2009, the undersigned contacted Examiner William Tapolcai, who is in charge of the above-identified patent application, concerning a possible interpretation of the independent claims 4 and 13 and provided a proposed amendment of claim 13 to correct it. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Tapolcai for his time and assistance in advancing prosecution of this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

In 1 and 2 of the Office Action, claims 4-7 and 11-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In response, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are supported by at least on pages 14-16, entitled "THIRD EMBODIMENT" of the specification and Figs. 11 and 12 as indicated on February 3, 2009. Applicant respectfully asserts that the aforementioned support in the specification is cited as an example and is not intended to limit the claims.

Applicant believes that the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 4-7 and 11-17 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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